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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims ~~1-27~~ with amended claims ~~1-27~~ and add new claims 28-31 as follows:

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1. (Amended) Particulate composite material, comprising an average particle size of 20 to 50 µm and containing at most 10 wt.-% particles with a size of < 10 µm.

2. (Amended) Particulate composite material according to claim 1, further comprising a maximum particle size of 70 µm.

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3. (Amended) Particulate composite material according to claim 1, prepared by curing of a mixture of

(a) 10 to 80 wt.-% organic binder;

(b) 0.01 to 5 wt.-% polymerization initiator; and